

Conference Reports:

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008: By 90 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 433), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S15598–S15619**

Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Tax Convention with Belgium (Treaty Doc. 110–3); and

Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Germany (Treaty Doc. 109–20). **Page S15706**

Tinder Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate considers the nomination of John Daniel Tinder, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, that there be 30 minutes equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, and that at the conclusion or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation thereon. **Page S15701**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Thomas D. Schroeder, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Charles E. F. Millard, of New York, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

Joseph N. Laplante, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire.

James B. Peake, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Pages S15700–01, S15707**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David J. Kramer, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

Thomas M. Beck, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2010.

Matt Michael Dummermuth, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years. **Pages S15706–07**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Wayne Cartwright Beyer, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2010 (Recess Appointment), which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

Thomas M. Beck, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 29, 2012, which was sent to the Senate on June 28, 2007. **Page S15707**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—434) **Pages S15593, S15619, S15639**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:20 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Monday, December 17, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S15706.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 17, 2007.

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No committee meetings were held.